

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Nguyen, et al.	§	Case: AMAT/8348/MASK/ETEC/ARNOLD S
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Serial No.: 10/689,783	§	Filed: October 21, 2003
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Examiner: Dhingra, Rakesh Kumar	§	Group Art Unit: 1763
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Confirmation No.: 7569	§	Examiner: Rakesh Kumar Dhingra
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Title: MASK ETCH PROCESSING APPARATUS	§	
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 6, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 6, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.